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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST AT ECE NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY  
SEMINAR,(NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 4, PARIS)

1. SUMMARY. THE USSR PROTESTED THE PARTICIPATION  
AT THE ECE SEMINAR ON NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY (NWT) OF TWO  
MEMBERS OF THE WEST GERMAN DELEGATION WHO ARE OFFICIALS  
OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (FEA) LOCATED IN  
WEST BERLIN. THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A PROTEST  
HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED BY THE FRG (REFERENCE CABLE  
BONN 18433). THE US HEAD OF DELEGATION READ THE  
PREPARED RESPONSE. AT A MEETING OUTSIDE THE SEMINAR  
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIGNATORY NATIONS OF THE  
QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT (QA) AND WEST GERMANY, AN  
AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT FURTHER MENTION OF INSTITU-  
TIONAL AFFILIATIONS WOULD BE OMITTED. NO FURTHER  
INCIDENTS FOLLOWED; THE SEMINAR REPORT CONTAINS NO  
REFERENCE.

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2. THE INITIAL INCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE FIRST DAY.

THE SOVIET RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT SINGULARLY OMITTED  
MENTION OF A PAPER CONTRIBUTED BY ONE OF THE FEA  
OFFICIALS.

3. ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE MEETING ONE FEA OFFICIAL,  
FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF 80 PERCENT OF THE DELEGATES,  
INDICATED HIS INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION, I.E. THE FEA  
OF WEST BERLIN.

4. WHEN THE SOVIET RAPPORTEUR REGAINED THE FLOOR  
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, HE BEGAN HIS COMMENTS WITH A  
SHORT PROTEST OF THE LOCATION IN WEST BERLIN OF THE  
FEA, WHICH HE SAID IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE QA.

5. THE HEAD OF THE US DELEGATION CONFERRED WITH THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WESTERN SIGNATORY NATIONS AND  
THE FRG, AND THEN READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, ADDING  
APPROPRIATE INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND CONCLUDING  
REMARKS: QUOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL ENVIR-  
ONMENTAL AGENCY IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WAS  
APPROVED BY THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICAN AUTHORI-  
TIES ACTING ON THE BASIS OF THEIR SUPREME AUTHORITY.  
THESE AUTHORITIES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE FEDERAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY DOES NOT PERFORM IN THE WESTERN  
SECTORS OF BERLIN ACTS IN EXERCISE OF DIRECT STATE  
AUTHORITY OVER THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. NEITHER  
THE LOCATION NOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THAT AGENCY IN THE  
WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, THEREFORE, CONTRAVENE  
ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE QA. UNQUOTE.

6. THE HEAD OF THE WEST GERMAN DELEGATION SIGNED  
FOR THE FLOOR WHILE THE SOVIET RAPPORTEUR COMMENTED

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THAT ONLY THREE OF THE SIGNATORY POWERS HAD APPROVED  
THE LOCATION OF THE FEA IN WEST BERLIN. THE  
(FRENCH) CHAIRMAN, HOWEVER, REBUKED ALL PARTICIPANTS  
FOR INJECTING POLITICS INTO A TECHNICAL MEETING AND  
ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR LUNCH.

7. THE US DELEGATION AND OTHERS, INCLUDING THE FRG,  
SENSED A PERFUNCTORY TONE AND ATTITUDE IN THE DELIVERY  
OF THE SOVIET RAPPORTEUR'S PROTEST.

8. DURING THE LUNCH RECESS, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
HEADS OF DELEGATION FROM THE US, UK, FRG AND FRANCE  
(WHO WAS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN) WAS HELD. FOLLOWING THIS  
MEETING, A SECOND ONE WAS HELD BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN  
AND THE HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION. IT WAS AGREED  
THAT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEMINAR INSTITUTIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS WOULD BE OMITTED.

9. NO FURTHER INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

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10. THE REPORT OF THE SEMINAR INCLUDES NO REFERENCE  
TO THE EPISODES.  
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